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1. THERE IS FAIRLY GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG ALL OF OUR CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE CONSULAR DISTRICT THAT THE DC WILL LOSE ONLY marginally, THAT THE PCI WILL GAIN SLIGHTLY, THE PSI GAIN SLIGHTLY, THE PSDI DECLINE, THE PRI GAIN PERHAPS CONSIDERABLY, THE PLI DECLINE AND THE MSI DECLINE.

2. THE YOUTH VOTE IS A MAJOR UNKNOWN. MOST EXPECT THE LEFT TO GET THE LION'S SHARE ALTHOUGH A DISPROPORTIONATE PART MAY GO TO THE EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY LEFT. ACCORDING TO THIS THEORY, THE PCI AND PSI MAY NOT, THEREFORE GET MUCH MORE THAN APROPORTIONAL SHARE. THE DC IN MILAN EXPECTS TO GET ONLY ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE YOUTH VOTE AND SEES THIS AS DILUTING ITS OTHERWISE LARGER VOTE.

3. THE MILAN SITUATION IS EASIER TO FORESEE THAN THE NEW SUBURBS. IN THSES THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTERS WHO HAVE ENTERED THE AREA RECENTLY AND ABOUT WHOM FORECASTING IS ESPECIALLY HARD. MANY OF THEM HAVE COME FROM RURAL AREAS BUT A NUMBER OF HIGHER INCOME RESIDENTS HAVE ALSO COME FROM MILAN ITSELF. THE GUESSING IS THAT THESE AREAS WILL VOTE FOR THE LEFT AND MAKE

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DC DEALS WITH THE LEFT THE PRICE FOR FORMING GOVERNMENTS IN

MANY OF THEM. IN ANY EVENT, THE FORMATION OF GOVERNMENTS IS EXPECTED TO BE PROLONGED INTO THE AUTUMN.

4. IN MILAN, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, THE PSI AND THE PSDI FORM A NARROW MAJORITY. IF, AS THE DC'S EXPECT, THE DC AND PSDI LOSE SEATS AND THE PSI DOES NOT GAIN THEM, THESE PARTIES WILL NEED THE PRI TO FORM A MAJORITY. AND THAT WILL GIVE THE PRI THE POWER TO INSIST ON OUSTING PSI MAYOR ANIASI (WITH WHOM PRI MINISTER AND EX-MAYOR OF MILAN BUCALOSSI HAS A LONG-STANDING GEUD). ACCORDING TO THE DC SECRETARY, THE COMPROMISE CANDIDATE WOULD PROBABLY BE UIL SECRETARY, GIULIO POLOTTI. HE IS STILL A SOCIALIST AND WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRI AND DC. (THE FACT THAT POLOTTI HAS NO POLITICAL EXPERIENCE, LITTLE SCHOOLING AND APPEARS TO BE A DUD, DOES NOT SEEM TO STAND IN HIS WAY.) HOWEVER, IF ANIASI GETS THE MAJOR PREFERENCE VOTE, (AS SEEMS LIKELY) THE DC'S DON'T THINK HE CAN BE DUMPED AT ONCE. BUT AT THE FIRST CRISIS...

5. AMONG THE DC'S, THERE IS LITTLE SIGN OF EXCITING CANDIDATES. OGLIARI IS RUNNING HARD AND STANDS A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED BUT NO ONE GIVES AN OUTSIDER RUNNING AS A DC LONER MUCH, IF ANY, CHANCE OF BECOMING MAYOR.

6. IN VENICE, WITH AN OUTGOING DC MAYOR, THE OUTCOME IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE CLOSE. IN THE CITY THE DC WILL PROBABLY LOSE A SEAT OR TWO AND THE PSI MAY GAIN. THAT COULD MEAN A PSI MAYOR. OR IT MIGHT MEAN A PCI-PSI-DC DEAL LIKE THAT OF CHRISTMAS 1974. THE COMMUNISTS SEEM SURE TO GAIN SOME IN THE CITY AND MAY EVEN REPLACE THE DC AS THE PLURALITY PARTY. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE CHANCES ARE THAT VENICE WILL SHIFT SOMEWHAT TO THE LEFT.

7. IN MAINLAND VENICE, THE DC WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO HAVE A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY.

8. WHAT THE EXPECTED GAINS BY THE LEFT WILL MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF DC-PSI ALLIANCES WILL DEPEND PRIMARILY, BUT NOT WHOLLY, UPON DECISION BY THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

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10. TWO FACTORS ARE HELPING THE DC EVERYWHERE. FIRST, FANFANI'S HANDLING OF THE LAW AND ORDER ISSUE IS PAYING OFF ALTHOUGH THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF CYNICAL SUSPICION THAT THE DC IS GENERATING THE VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO HAVE A WINNING ISSUE\* THE SECOND FACTOR IN THE DC FAVOR IS FEAR OF THE COUNTRY GOING TOO FAR LEFT. ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL TENDENCY TO DENIGRATE GOVERNMENT AND THE DC BECAUSE IT CONTROLS THE GOVERNMENT, THE PROSPECT OF A RETURN OF THE

PCI TO GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE PORTUGUESE  
EXPERIENCE, BRINGS MANY VOTERS UP SHORT. AS A RESULT,  
A FAIR NUMBER APPEAR LIKELY TO HOLD THEIR NOSES  
AND VOTE DC HOWEVER LITTLE THEY WANT TO DO SO.

10. NEVERTHELESS, ATTITUDES TOWARD THE DC ARE VERY FOREBODING.  
THERE IS AN ALMOST UNIVERSIAL BELIEF THAT THE DC IS CORRUPT,  
INEFFICIENT, MORE INTERESTED IN HOLDING OFFICE THAN IN SERVING  
THE PUBLIC, POORLY LED AND LACKING A CREATIVE PROGRAM. THIS DISDAIN  
IS SHARED BY BOTH THE WEATLY AND THE WORKING CLASS AND SUGGESTS  
THAT SHOULD FEAR OF COMMUNISM CEASE TO OUTWIGH DISCUST WITH  
THE DC, THE DC WOULD SUFFER CONSIDERABLE LOSSES.

11. ALSO WORKING AGAINST THE DC IS THE CONTINUED  
ECONOMIC PINCH. SHORT TIME, GREAT INCREASES IN CONSUMER PRICES,  
FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE SENSATION OF CRUMBLING PUBLIC  
SERVICES. ALL ARE BLAMED ON THE DC, HOWEVER IRRATIONAL THAT MAY BE.

12. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCCES, DC LEADERS FEEL THEY WILL BE LUCKY  
TO HOLD THEIR LOSSES TO A COUPLE OF POINTS BUT EVEN THAT COULD  
TRIGGER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN CITY GOVERNMENT.FINA

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